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to and unworkable in Travancore. That opinion, the Member said, reflected badly on the people of Travancore. Travancore followed British India in all other matters, and the Member failed to see why the Village Panchayet system should not be tried here. As for the men, he said, there were several educated men in the State. If Village Munsiffs and Panchayets could be appointed, several of the Additional Munsiffs' Courts might be abolished. The change would be beneficial to the public and profitable to the Government. He therefore prayed that the matter might be reconsidered.

Mr. M. C. Mathevan Pillai, B. A. (Member, Kalkulam Taluk) said that he fully supported the views of Mr. Sivathanu Pillai. With all deference to the High Court, he said that the system would, if tried, be found to work well in the State. There was also no lack of men, either in point of education or of general capacity. In the G. O. reviewing the work of the Civil Courts, recently published in the Gazette, it was stated that the High Court were in favour of appointing Honorary Magistrates. The Member said that he could not reconcile that position with the view of the High Court in regard to the Panchayet system. He therefore advocated the trial of the latter system, and added that, as suggested by Mr. Sivathanu Pillai, suits of the value of Rs. 20 and below might be entrusted to the Village Panchayets.

Dewan's reply.—The Government will again look into this question and see if anything can be done.

38. ***Exemption of Mahomedans from attendance in Courts on Fridays.***

Mr. Kochu Hassan Kunju (Member, Nominated) said that Friday was a specially religious day for Mahomedans, and they had to go to the Mosques on that day, where religious services and lectures were held. He therefore requested that arrangements might be made not to post cases on Fridays in which Mahomedans had to appear as parties or as witnesses.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

IV. PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

(*1*). *Agriculture.*

39. ***Helpless condition of the agricultural classes in general and remedies for the same.***

Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Quilon Taluk) said that the boon conferred on the people of Travancore by the creation of the Agricultural Department was certainly incalculable, but he was sorry to observe that they were not permitted to enjoy all the benefits that could be had from the Department, as, under existing

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